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1. [REDACTED] the CIA representative to the OCB Board Assistants, has informally suggested the scheduling of an NIE on the Philippines, to be completed within 30 to 45 days. This suggestion is an outgrowth of the OCB Board Assistant's consideration and rejection of a draft progress report on the Philippines. In the course of the Board Assistant's discussion there was general agreement that the situation in the Philippines was such that an agreed intelligence appreciation which could be submitted to the NSC Planning Board concurrently with the redrafted Progress Report would be useful. The date of submission to the Planning Board is contingent on the completion of the base negotiations, which have just begun, and the return of Mr. Bendtsen, the US negotiator.

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2. The major points which [REDACTED] believes would be most useful to cover are the following:

- a. the position of President Magsaysay, his internal political strength, his policies and success in implementing them, his attitude towards the US and toward US policies in the Philippines and in Asia generally, and probable trends during the next year.
- b. the current economic situation, major economic problems and plans for dealing with them, and trends during the next year.
- c. the extent, nature, and causes of anti-Americanism and its future trends; possible effects of contingent developments.

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- d. the regional role being played by the Philippine government -- its nature and effects, its objectives.
- e. the strength and the policies of the Communists in the Philippines, the manner in which developments in a, b, c, and d above are likely to affect the fortunes of the Communists during the next year.

3. NIE 66-54, "Probable Developments in the Philippine Republic," published 23 March 1954, is outdated in terms of the current situation and trends.

4. The staff recommends that an estimate as requested be scheduled as follows:

Terms of Reference	23 August
Oral Contributions	29 August
Economic Contributions (written)	31 August
To IAC	25 September

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